

Introduced by Senator Wolk

February 26, 2015

An act to add Section 10608.34 to the Water Code, relating to water.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 555, as introduced, Wolk. Department of Water Resources: urban retail water suppliers: water loss audits.

Existing law requires the state to achieve a 20% reduction in urban per capita water use in California by December 31, 2020, and requires the state to make incremental progress towards this goal by reducing per capita water use by at least 10% on or before December 31, 2015. Existing law requires each urban retail water supplier to develop urban water use targets and an interim urban water use target, in accordance with specified requirements.

This bill would require each urban retail water supplier, on or before July 1, 2017, to conduct a water loss audit as prescribed by rules adopted by the Department of Water Resources on or before July 1, 2016. This bill would require an urban retail water supplier to submit a validated audit report to the department within 60 days of completion and the department to post the report on its Internet Web site in a timely manner after its receipt. This bill would require the department to provide technical assistance to guide urban retail water suppliers' water loss detection programs.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 10608.34 is added to the Water Code, to
2 read:

3 10608.34. (a) On or before July 1, 2016, the department shall
4 adopt rules for all of the following:

5 (1) The conduct of standardized water loss audits by urban retail
6 water suppliers in accordance with the method adopted by the
7 American Water Works Association in the third edition of Water
8 Audits and Loss Control Programs, Manual —M36.

9 (2) The process for validating audit reports prior to submitting
10 the report to the department.

11 (3) The method and timing of submitting an audit report to the
12 department.

13 (b) On or before July 1, 2017, each urban retail water supplier
14 shall conduct a water loss audit as prescribed by the department
15 pursuant to subdivision (a).

16 (c) An urban retail water supplier shall submit a validated audit
17 report to the department within 60 days of completion. The
18 department shall post the report on its Internet Web site in a timely
19 manner after its receipt.

20 (d) Using available funds, the department shall provide technical
21 assistance to guide urban retail water suppliers' water loss detection
22 programs, including, but not limited to, metering techniques,
23 utilization of portable and permanent water loss detection devices,
24 and funding.